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## just another rant

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Imagine your ancestry is First Nations. Your grandparents told you stories shared through generations - about living in harmony with the earth's natural cycles, respecting the omniscient eternal spirit that dwells within every thing. You now struggle against systemic racism, alongside your people, to connect with an ancient value system that has nothing to do

with commerce and profit, to honour your ancestors and the sacred ways. You've survived a near genocide - deliberate and calculated, physical and psychological, imposed on all your relations by imperialist invaders from a foreign land. Many of your people live in dire poverty, some without access to running water, suffering addictions and poor health. You are asked to realize the end of your ancestral traditions, to adapt to the new competitive ways, embrace the new economy, accept the new names, the new history, participate in the new 'democracy.'

And if you refuse to validate the colonialist system of government that was established for the purposes of removing you from your lands, you're called lazy, apathetic. "People died for your right to vote." You've given up trying to explain: in fact, land was stolen, and people were *murdered* for that 'right.'

Alternatively, imagine you're a descendent of settlers who helped, willfully or not, conquer a nation. You've been taught history through the eyes of the victors, shown the benefits your ancestors brought to this new land, helping to educate and civilize inhabitants who were clearly savage and unclean in their chaotic, lawless societies. You've been led to believe that the white systems of economy and governance are highly evolved, tried through centuries, designed by men who struggled for ever greater degrees of freedom and equality. You realize the system isn't perfect, but it's what you've got to work with and so you diligently and devotedly endorse it, hoping that it will one day become what you want it to be.

Then, the worst happens. Again. You were certain, this time, that the people of British Columbia would express their dissatisfaction with the dominant political party and replace it with something different. But no, you're stuck with another four years of a majority government that rules from its position alongside the 1%, ignoring or destroying the rights of the 99%. You're angry and frustrated. You blame the vote-splitters. You blame the 49% who didn't vote, calling them lazy and uncaring. Something in you realizes that real change will never trickle down from the echelons of power, but you keep trying anyway.

Here's the thing ... the Canadian parliamentary system did not evolve organically, it was never meant to be democratic. It was imported from Europe and forced upon the First Nations without considering that indigenous peoples had evolved their own governance structures and established trade relations, over many thousands of years. Native people couldn't vote until the 1960s. They were forced onto "reservations," tortured in residential schools, their populations decimated with new diseases (some say intentionally), their lands paved over and renamed, their history mocked and erased.

Does anyone ever ask *why* people don't vote? Has anyone ever conducted a comprehensive survey to get to the heart of it? How low does the voter turnout have to be before the system is realized as illegal and illegitimate? Will the ruling class ever accept that the people have rejected them? Christie Clark was not elected (she lost to David Eby), but still she's Premier. Is this the shining example of "democracy" that we must all validate every few years with a mark on a piece of paper?

Corporate and state media does its level best to pigeonhole anarchists as rock-throwing, property-damaging, misguided and disruptive youth. In fact, anarchy is a philosophy with a deep and profound philosophical history. The word is from the ancient Greek - Wikipedia says ἀναρχία, anarchia, from ἀν an, 'not, without' + ἄρχος arkhos, 'ruler', meaning 'absence of a leader,' 'without rulers'. That doesn't mean it's without rules, just that it's without a despot - non-hierarchical, realizing that every individual has worth, and is capable of making rational decisions and contributing to a collective that then decides, by consensus, how to proceed.

Corporations and Governments are decidedly anti-anarchist. They are entrenched in hierarchy, with power increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few elite. Not only do they ignore the rights of individuals and collectives with whom they disagree, they do their level best to distort the meaning of anarchy by definition, even planting agents into peaceful organizations and protests for the express purpose of inciting violence and disruption. Big business depends on the status quo. It succeeds because it is validated by big government and big media, which support its for-profit mandate through legislation (or lack thereof) and advertising.

How can we change the system if we continue to endorse it? It's like trying to get healthy by consuming poison.

More and more people are realizing that the fundamental underlying problem we face, the 1% vs the 99%, is about capitalism, the

philosophy that insists perpetual economic growth is possible on a finite planet. Capitalism depends on the exploitation of people, animals, and the earth, as long as it turns a profit. Aside from socialist Cuba\*, and a few other semi-socialist countries, we are all victims of the cancer of endless growth. Whether you vote NDP or Green or Liberal, Democrat or Republican, you're still going to be living under capitalism. Is any government able or willing to control capitalism and administer economic justice? Can you call something a democracy if it's ruled by an economic system? Why can't we vote for a different economic system?

And political parties, they've taken on the characteristics of cults. They prey on the weak and vulnerable, those who still believe it's possible to dismantle a hierarchy by voting for it. If you're part of the group, you're ultra special. If you're part of a different group, you're accused of "vote-splitting," as if the only purveyors of democracy are those already entrenched in the system. There is no room for new kids on the block, even from the formerly newest kids.

You're rarely encouraged to work for democracy and equality and justice in between elections, to ensure our collective right to life, liberty, and security of person by taking to the streets to protect it. Hundreds of thousands of homeless Canadians will soon face another cold winter ... what are you doing about that?

People say "don't complain if you didn't vote." Really? I can't complain about the torture and murder associated with slaughterhouses and sweatshops, as long as I helped elect someone to the system that oversees the system that allows all that?

Maybe it's time to realize our power as individuals. We vote every day, with our dollars, our decisions, the way we treat each other and the earth. Why wait another four years? Let's take the power into our own hands now, by supporting the courageous earth defenders prepared to put their bodies in the way of the pipelines and clearcuts, by supporting the independent media that dares to give them voice, by refusing to purchase corporate genetically engineered sweatshop products, by going local and vegan instead.

The Arab Spring and Occupy movements offered us all an opportunity to participate in, or at least witness, democracy in action. Anarchist communities spontaneously emerged around the planet, and until they were forcibly and violently shut down by police they were functional, supportive, inclusive, fair, and free. Sure, they were also imperfect, but they offered an example of how the human species might have begun to organize ourselves before the imposition of hierarchical systems, whether those are monarchies, feudal, or pseudo-democracies feigning equality while offering nothing more than an opportunity to change the ruling guards.

There's even discussion about making it illegal not to vote. Can you imagine what it would mean to force indigenous people to endorse a colonialist system that was established specifically for the purpose of eradicating them?

Before you write off the non-voters as lazy and apathetic, consider: is the glass half full, or half empty? Are we on our way to fully supporting the system, and perhaps changing it (as so many have hoped and tried over so many generations), or is it in a natural process of decay, eventually crumbling entirely to be replaced by something more organic, something that is grounded in values of true equality and inclusivity, something that respects the finite and precious natural world and forces limits on endless for-profit domination, something that honours the rights of everyone regardless of how they vote?

Can you think of a better way to invite the revolution?

*\* In Cuba, democracy is very grassroots with locally elected representatives in each neighbourhood. They vote for the person they trust in their community to represent them (alongside labour, student, and other representatives) at the regional tables. It's a socialist structure, inspired by revolution to feed, house, educate, and provide health care for all. They vote for people to oversee an equal distribution of wealth and resources. It's not perfect, but people are healthy, educated, and housed.*

*Janine is intentionally the Co-ordinator, not the boss, of Street Newz.*





## Saanich First Nations Reclaim PKOLS

by Pete Rockwell

I've always known it as Mount Douglas, or Mt Doug. I was vaguely aware, if I thought about it, which I didn't much, that the name had something to do with Victoria's colonial history. Essentially a big rock, at 213 m, which sits at the base (or head) of the Saanich peninsula, I'd been up it many times over the years. For hiking. For the view. Unbeknownst to me, Saanich First Nations had known it by a more ancient name: PKOLS.

On May 22, 2013, Around 700 people, First Nations, supported by second and third nations, walked from the base to the top, to reclaim what had never been relinquished. It's a steep walk and I was surprised by the brisk pace of people of all ages winding past the point where I'd set a camera up. It took 20 or so minutes for everyone to pass by. Towards the back of the pack, six or seven men carried a heavy looking cedar construction.

Up on top food was being served from a tent. Pulled pork sandwiches. Fresh fruit. People milled around, talking and eating, some sitting high in the rocks overlooking the site. First nations drumming and singing and a festive feeling filled the air.

A re-enactment of the 1852 signing of the North Saanich Treaty with James Douglas was performed. Chiefs from the different bands of Saanich spoke. They signed a new declaration:

*"We the undersigned indigenous nations of the WSÁNE? and Lekwungen Territories declare:*

*We have inhabited and governed our territories according to our laws and traditions, since time immemorial. Our connections to our homelands and spiritual places are ancient and profound, and our inherent authority over our territories has never been relinquished by Treaties of Peaceful Co-existence entered into with the early settlers, which did not involve the sale of rights or land.*

*Our place names offer a direct connection to our languages, sacred histories, and creation stories, and the reclamation of these names is vital for the continuation and resurgence of our cultures and knowledge.*

*Our elders have called upon us to return our original names to the places where they belong.*

*Therefore, we have come together to reclaim the traditional SEN?O?EN name of PKOLS, currently known as Mount Douglas.*

*Stories of PKOLS, which can be translated as "White Rock" or "White Head", go back to nearly the beginning of time for WSÁNE? people.*

*The current name does not represent our original connection to this land and was imposed without our consultation and consent.*

*The reclamation of PKOLS is in alignment with our natural laws, customs, and inherent rights as Indigenous Peoples and nations.*

*We are united to restore the original place name of PKOLS for the benefit of all people living on our territories, for our descendants, and for all who visit this spiritual place.*

*Therefore, in upholding our ancestral laws, rights and responsibilities, we declare:*

*We hereby reclaim and reinstate the original name PKOLS, and commit to working to restore original place names throughout our nations and*

*territories. We call on all levels of government to recognize this reclamation.*

*We invite all nations to join us in celebrating and revitalizing our knowledge and history, so that it can be shared with the peoples of the world, and with all future generations."*

The cedar structure I'd seen earlier, being carried up the hill, turned out to be a carved sign. It shows a thunderbird soaring over a mountain. In big letters the word PKOLS is carved. The ancient and original name restored. A group of young men permanently bolted it to the pavement at the south edge of the parking lot. Drumming and singing ensued.

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## A Civilized Way of Doing Business

by Jennifer Hastie

Nuts. I missed the momentous Coast Salish Ceremony last Wednesday which renamed Mount Douglas to "Pkols." Mistaking the date and thinking that I had a prior commitment, I did not go. The actual date was Wednesday, May 22, 2013. I read about it initially in the *Times-Colonist* the following day.

Judith Lavoie of the *Times-Colonist* seemed to give a well balanced account of the event. She always appears to be accurate and unbiased when she writes about First Nations' issues.

Our editor of *Street Newz*, Janine, kindly forwarded an excellent video of the renaming ceremony to me. It was filmed by Jack Greenwall, a great local video and photography artist.

The ceremony looked awesome, from the long trek up the mountain to the usual many First Nations' thankyou's at the end. The video was almost as good as being there.

The drumming started with a slow, serious, continuous beat. At the end there was joyous, light-hearted drumming. As usual, all the drumming was hypnotic—at least to me. Two actors portraying Douglas and a Christian minister were part of the enactment.

First Aid was thanked. Councillor Ben Isitt, was thanked. The Chiefs and people from other tribes present were thanked—all by Eric Pelkey, Hereditary Chief of the T'saw'out Nation. The urban and suburban First Nations here in Victoria were (probably) all represented at the ceremony. After Chief Pelkey was finished speaking, a chief from the Port Hardy area thanked him for the leading role that he played in renaming this mountain, called "the rock" by the local First Nations- "Pkols"-- from Mount Douglas back again to Pkols.

Even the Saanich police called the protest of 600+ people "a unique, peaceful and very enjoyable affair."

Some disputes still sit among First Nations peoples as to which mountain Pkols really is, a letter-writer to the editor in the *Times-Colonist* commented two days later. She mentioned that the Fort Victoria Treaties (BC Studies 3: 1969) say that Mount Tolmie was originally named Pkols.

So be it. Who cares? The real point is that First Nations' peoples here in Victoria, are slowly, in a civilized manner, setting a wonderful example to natives and non-natives about taking back the culture that was so cruelly wrenched from them many years ago.

Another letter-writer in the *Times Colonist* stated that he doesn't care "which name precedes the other." Should we not consult with Chief Pelkey and learn what HIS tribes want for a change? Should we not mention something positive as well as something negative in a letter to the editor? All developments are exciting to us!

The *Times-Colonist* filled in further details for us: Local tribes have made an official application to the province for a name change. They are now going through the long process of documentation to support such a name change.

"The next renaming and reclaiming steps are likely to affect Mount Newton and Sidney Spit," comments Pelkey, as quoted by Judith Lavoie.

Learning about the latest happening down in Coast Salish country, I am reminded of my years spent working for the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council. The most influential man at the time was George Watts, tribal council head. George died quite early in his years of cardio-vascular and diabetic disease in 2005. Before he died, he made a huge impact on the feds, the B.C. provincial government and the Port Alberni School District, as well as many international indigenous peoples.



Like all Tribal Council employees, I was required to attend bi-monthly Tribal Council meetings, whenever and wherever they were held, on the weekend so designated. We were NOT given time off for this dedication, nor were we paid, for such dedication was and still is expected.

At first I was miffed – "What, when I work so hard during the week?" However, in the end, I really looked forward to the meetings. It became the most fascinating part of my job. They were fun, too! In the evenings, with food and entertainment supplied by whatever tribe sponsoring the two-day meeting, with the lack of booze in the meeting/eating halls, and sometimes, even with entertainment in the form of dancing, should we be in a particularly isolated area like Ahousaht.

During the day (8:00 a.m. start time) 14 Tribal Chiefs sat around a table. Microphones were everywhere for each Chief to have his say. Finally, mics were open to whoever wanted to comment on the topic at hand.

Rulings were made by consensus building – yes, it took "forever," but this is true democracy in action.

Once, the final vote of the Chiefs came to 8 out of 14. "That is not good enough," said George. "Table that issue for the next Tribal Council Meeting..."

True democracy reigns up in Nuuchah-nulth territory. "First past the post" is NOT true representation for all peoples of Canada. The Maoris, 'way off in New Zealand, can tell you a thing or two about dealing with 2 cultures because today, New Zealand is well ahead of Canada in true democracy for all peoples living there.

Way to go, Coast Salish Tribes in Victoria! Finally, thank you, Eric Pelkey, for all your hard work and your commitment to your peoples. Some day all non-natives in Canada will thank all of Canada's Tribes for helping to change our world, particularly on the west coast, for the better.

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# Food Justice: Monsanto, Factory Farming, and Beyond

by Mickey Z.

*In nature's economy, the currency is not money, it is life.*  
Vandana Shiva

On May 25, 2013, millions marched against Monsanto across the globe. I took part here in New York City, of course, and was fortunate to have the opportunity to lead a teach-in called: *Food Justice, GMOs, & the Vegan Option (Eat Like a Revolutionary)*.

At the request of those who attended the teach-in, I've compiled some of the material in an article of sorts. This is not meant to be the definitive word on any of these topics. Rather, I strongly encourage all readers to follow-up with their own research and, of course, share what they find.

## Monsanto 101

Monsanto is not a food company. Monsanto is a chemical company that made its name, for example, selling saccharin to Coca-Cola and Agent Orange to U.S. military. Its products also include PCBs, dioxin, DDT, and rBGH.

Monsanto records annual sales of roughly \$11.8 billion and operates 404 facilities in 66 countries, over 6 continents with products grown on more than 282 million acres worldwide.

Monsanto is one of three corporations (along with DuPont and Syngenta) that control 70 percent of the global seed market -- aiming for monopoly power over the planet's food and water supplies.

## GMO 101

GMO is short for "genetically modified organism" and is the result of corporate scientists taking genes from one species and inserting them into another species in an attempt to obtain a desired trait or characteristic. GMOs are also known as "transgenic organisms" and the process is often called "genetic engineering" or GE.

Examples of genetic engineering include:

- \* Inserting spider genes into goat DNA in an attempt to produce goat milk that contains spider web protein to be used in the manufacturing of bulletproof vests.
- \* Arctic fish gene spliced into tomatoes and strawberries to make them tolerant to frost.
- \* Potatoes that will glow in dark when they need water.

All this and so much more is happening even though, as any non-corporate scientist can tell you, our current understanding of the way DNA works is extremely limited. Any change to DNA can have side effects that are impossible to predict or control. Still, the industry forges on, e.g. 94 percent of soy is GM, 90 percent of cotton, 88 percent of corn, and 95 percent of sugar beets.

*Reality: 80 percent of processed food contains at least one GM ingredient.*

## Monsanto Protection Act

For those who seek solace in oversight, be warned: the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not require a single safety study, does not mandate the labeling of GMOs, and allows companies to put GM foods onto the market without even notifying the agency.

You might even say we are the test. GMOs were introduced into the American food supply in 1996 and within nine years, the percentage of Americans with three or more chronic illnesses jumped from 7 percent to 13 percent while food allergies skyrocketed.

Which brings us to what is euphemistically known as the "Monsanto Protection Act." Thanks to the Farmer Assurance Provision, Section 735, of the recently passed spending bill, even if an individual or group were to bring suit against a GM company, no action could be taken until an "Environmental Impact Statement" (EIS) is compiled -- and this typically takes years.

*Translation: The product suspected to be dangerous stays on the market until the EIS inevitably declares it safe.*

*"Safe?"*

GMOs are bad for the environment. GMOs, explains Greenpeace, "can spread through nature

and interbreed with natural organisms, thereby contaminating non-GE environments and future generations in an unforeseeable and uncontrollable way. Their release is genetic pollution and is a major threat because GMOs cannot be recalled once released into the environment."

Most GM crops are engineered to be "herbicide tolerant." This is why Monsanto sells Roundup Ready crops, designed to survive their Roundup herbicide. As a result, between 1996 and 2008, U.S. farmers sprayed an extra 383 million pounds herbicide on GM crops and the overuse of Monsanto's Roundup herbicide creates what are called "superweeds," and thus, even more herbicide is used in the futile attempt to control this cycle.

GMOs interbreed with natural organisms, contaminating non-GE environments. Again: once genetic pollution is released into nature, it cannot be recalled.

GMOs are not the answer to world hunger. The 2008 Friends of the Earth report, *Who Benefits From GM Crops*, sums it up well: "The majority of GM crops are not destined for hungry people in developing countries, but are used to feed animals, generate biofuels, and produce highly processed food products -- mainly for consumption in rich countries. GM crops have not increased food security for the world's poor. None of the GM crops on the market are modified for increased yield potential and research continues to focus on new pesticide-promoting varieties that tolerate application of one or more herbicides."

Companies like Monsanto seek only profit and control. In my 2010 interview with journalist Marie-Monique Robin, she told me: "Monsanto is the world leader in biotechnology and the first seed company. Ninety percent of the GMOs grown in the world belong to it. During the last decade, the firm bought dozens of seed companies all over the world, pushing its transgenic seeds, which are patented. A patented seed means that the farmers who grow it may not keep a part of his crops to re-sow it the next year, as farmers used to do everywhere in the world. In the United States and Canada, farmers who grow transgenic crops must sign a 'technology agreement.' The no-sowing requirement is clearly expressed. If they don't respect the agreement and violate the patent, they are harassed by the 'gene police' and sued by Monsanto. Clearly transgenic crops are just a tool to control the seeds supply -- which is the first link in the food chain -- by forcing farmers to buy seeds each year."

## Some radical food choices...

Obviously, we need to do more than talk and listen and learn. We have to put into practice the kind of world we want. In terms specific to GMOs, we can:

- \* Avoid buying 'em and instead opt for fresh, local, organic non-GMO, non-processed food from farmers markets.
- \* Label 'em ourselves.
- \* Organize non-GMO seed banks/local swaps/seed bomb events.
- \* Start or join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiative.

- \* Grow our own organic non-GMO food everywhere: window boxes, balconies, community garden, rooftops, fire escapes, etc.

- \* Choose food not lawns.

We now produce pesticides at a rate more than 13,000 times faster than we did when Rachel Carson wrote *Silent Spring* in 1962. The EPA considers 30 percent of all insecticides, 60 percent of all herbicides, and 90 percent of all fungicides to be carcinogenic, yet Americans spend about \$7 billion on 21,000 different pesticide products each year.

How have we reached this point? One reason is that we've opted to blindly trust the morally indefensible and scientifically fraudulent institution of animal experimentation. This is but one way our speciesist culture intersects with Monsanto. Also, 65 percent of grains -- the vast majority of which is GM -- are fed to the 53 billion land animals murdered for "food" each year.

FYI: These animal "food" products are also not labeled as GE.

For activists to know all this and still consume animal products is at the very least denial and at the very most: sheer hypocrisy.

## The most radical food choice...

The vast majority of food we consume involves GMOS, unspeakable animal cruelty, exploited human labor, a human health holocaust, higher profits and more control for the 1%, and irreversible environmental degradation.

What kind of irreversible environmental degradation, you ask? Let's begin with this: The number one source of human-created greenhouse gases is the global animal by-products industry -- factory farming, the meat-and-dairy-based diet.

## More:

We lose nearly 7 billion tons of topsoil every year and 75 percent of the original U.S. topsoil is already gone. Without nutrient-rich topsoil, human life will vanish... and guess what's causing 85 percent of this topsoil erosion: livestock raising and feedcrops.

200,000 acres rainforest are destroyed every single day and 70 percent of previous forested land in the Amazon is now pastures or feedcrops for doomed livestock. Every time you eat a burger sourced from the rainforest, you are responsible for 700 pounds of living matter being destroyed: 20-30 plant species; 100 insect species; and of dozens reptiles, birds, and mammals.

The land used to raise animals for "food" is 10 billion acres. Livestock production consumes 70 percent of all agricultural land, which translates into one-third of the land surface on the planet.

Let's re-cap: Each year, 65 percent of untested GM grains are fed to 53 billion doomed land animals in an industry that eats up one-third of the land surface on the planet and is the number one source of human-created greenhouse gases.

Translation: Going vegan is a lot more than just tofu recipes.

It's even more than barbarism like: veal crates, vivisection, battery cages, slaughterhouses, whaling ships, carriage horses, dogfight rings, fur farms, zoos, circuses, and rodeos.

It's also about (among many other things): workplace justice, torture, health care, deforestation, overfishing, poverty, habitat loss, ocean dead zones, corporate welfare, and GMOs.

Most of all, embracing veganism and animal rights is more than a boycott, a diet, or a lifestyle option. It is a surrendering of a privilege and that privilege is called "speciesism." Every time someone voluntarily surrenders a privilege, it is an act of revolution. Thus, veganism and animal rights are part of a liberation movement, recognizing that animals are not property, products, or commodities.

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Angela Davis, someone who knows a thing or two about challenging privilege, has declared her vegan status to be “part of a revolutionary perspective -- how we not only discover more compassionate relations with human beings but how we develop compassionate relations with the other creatures with whom we share this planet.”

### *Not free, not trade*

TPP, as described by the Citizens Trade Campaign, is a “massive new international trade pact being pushed by the U.S. government at the behest of transnational corporations. The TPP is already being negotiated between the United States, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam -- but it is also specifically intended as a ‘docking agreement’ that other Pacific Rim countries would join over time, with Japan, Korea, China and others already expressing some interest. It is poised to become the largest Free Trade Agreement in the world.”

Such an agreement would also give animal agribusiness the opportunity to pressure countries to eliminate import safety standards and eliminate tariffs on U.S. meat, dairy, and egg exports.

It starts with alternative vision: While the dominant hierarchy drowns in its own hypocrisy, fear, and greed let’s use our energy and passion to create -- occupy -- a whole new cultural model.

Peace and power to all species...

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*Photos from the May 25th global day of action in Victoria from Janine Bandcroft*

## The Occupy Movement

*by Gerry Masuda*

The Occupy Movement seems to be stalling. I see fewer and fewer references to “occupy” events. I am disappointed. I had high hopes for the Movement as a means of working politically for fundamental change.

The Occupy Movement popularized the terms the 1%ers and 99%ers. This refers to the growing wealth gap between the 1% obscenely rich and We the 99%ers. I am disappointed that the Occupy Movement has not made an issue of this mal-distribution of wealth.

I still hope the Occupy Movement can rejuvenate itself by becoming politicized. I hope that the Occupy Movement can focus on the fundamental cause of the accelerating wealth gap - the political process which is causing this growing mal-distribution of the wealth which We the People produce.

In a democracy where every citizen has a vote, the logic of our overwhelming numbers as the 99%ers, is a People’s Government which legislates in our legitimate self-interests.

How do we mobilize and create an identity as 99%ers. How do we use the process of defining our common wants to unify We the 99%ers into a political power?



As we go to press, “More than 50 lawyers have been detained by police at Istanbul’s Çağlayan Courthouse today for joining the Taksim Gezi protests, which have been ongoing across the country for 15 days now.”

Turkish citizens are protesting, among other things, plans to turn a public greenspace into a shopping mall.

*Read more from Istanbul's [www.hurriyetdailynews.com](http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com)*

## The Economic War Against Cuba

Salim Lamrani presents a comprehensive and systematic study of the United States’ economic sanctions against Cuba and the harm they cause the Cuban people.

Lamrani delicately combines a heart-rending catalogue of human suffering with robust analysis – including the examination of official U.S. government documentation – as he considers the origins, provisions and legality of the blockade. He exposes the farcical nature of blockade legislation, one example being that the export of pianos to Cuba was deemed detriment to the interests and security of the United States.

The introduction expertly shows that the blockade is unique in terms of its length, thoroughness and sophistication. Whilst Washington has normalised relations with China and Vietnam, the blockade has been strengthened and applies retroactively and extra-territorially.

Lamrani exposes the ideological nature of the blockade and demonstrates how it originates from the United States’ historical desire to subjugate Cuba. The blockade’s initial justification was a dispute over compensation following the nationalisation of U.S. multi-national corporations after the triumph of the Revolution. Cuba agreed compensation with France, the UK, Canada and Spain – only the U.S. rejected the compensation process which adhered to all international standards and laws.

Throughout its fifty-year history, the validation for the blockade has changed. Reasons cited include: issues over compensation, Cuba’s alliance with the Soviet Union, Cuban intervention in African liberation movements and fabricated concerns over democracy and human rights. The chapter on economic sanctions from Eisenhower to Obama – which considers each President’s tenure individually – skillfully shows how the blockade has evolved and multi-layered sanctions have been imposed despite growing international condemnation.

Further chapters consider the impact of sanctions on Cuban healthcare – which documents how the blockade causes the deaths of thousands of Cubans every year – and the extra-territorial application of the blockade. Lamrani references numerous examples of foreign banks and businesses being fined by the U.S. for trading with Cuba and showcases the various cases where U.S. law has superseded domestic law which makes it illegal to discrimination on grounds of race and nationality.

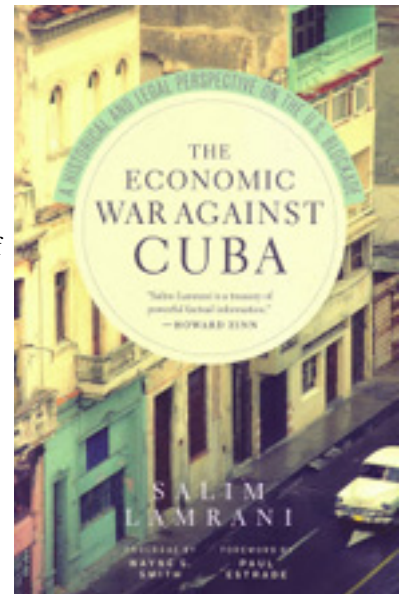
The extra-territorial nature of the blockade means an American tourist that smokes a Cuban cigar or drinks Havana Club anywhere in the world, “could be fined a million dollars and sentenced to ten years in prison” whilst a Cuban living abroad “cannot, theoretically, eat ... at McDonald’s.”

Finally, Lamrani highlights the growing American opposition to the blockade – whilst recognising the continuing influence of the vitriolic Cuba-American lobby – and considers the Cuban claim that the blockade is a “genocidal policy” with reference to supporting Articles from the Geneva Convention.

Lamrani’s book presents the concealed reality of an economic blockade which has cost the Cuban economy more than \$751 billion and which particularly affects the most vulnerable people in Cuba. Over 70% of Cubans have lived in a climate of permanent economic hostility and the blockade remains “the main obstacle to Cuba’s national development as well as contrary to the UN Charter and international law.”

At just under 100 pages, Lamrani’s study is accessible and engaging, however its relevance and erudition make it a timeless reference book and compulsory read for all activists. Lamrani expertly demonstrates that sanctions have totally failed in their objective, which is nothing less than the overthrow of the Cuban government.

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# A Poverty Experience

by Moneca Gabriel

RESULTS Canada is a lobbying group that reaches Canadians about the issue of having poverty be history. Ever since the World Summit for Children in New York on September 30th 1990, over 100 country leaders made promises to children and the world - RESULTS writes letters to newspapers, meets government leaders and speaks to having that promise delivered. The promise was to contribute .7% of a country's GNP towards ending hunger. In 1990, over 32,000 children were dying EVERYDAY from hunger and hunger related diseases and NOW that number is 19,500. Unfortunately, Canada is not keeping their promise: less than .4%.

We decided to make known RESULTS and took on a Canada wide 'Below the Line' challenge for 5 days - to spend \$1.75 a day on our food. and to inform the public.

I spent \$1.75 a day for 5 days to have a miniscule experience of 1.4 billion people living on that amount every day. Monday was my first day. I had 2 meetings at Tim Horton's and thank goodness, remembered to take a mug of hot water because a coffee costs \$2!!

Monday night when I came home, I didn't go near the kitchen which I normally would and eat, eat!! Instead, I went to bed!

I cheated a couple times: Vic and I had a coffee; then my son, Lyle, and I had tea and both times, I let them pay!

All in all, it was exciting. In the very beginning I had \$300 sponsorship and was pleased. Then when Thursday came along, I hadn't gotten any more even though I had learned how to contact my Facebook and LinkedIn friends yet no one sponsored me. So much for Facebook and LinkedIn!! I even had a comment that the challenge was nothing because I had a warm bed and a roof over my head! I gave a 2 minute talk at Toastmasters and got nothing. They didn't even know about the Live Below the Line challenge.

Then I saw the RESULTS come in!! \$18,000 raised; \$25000 raised; and finally, by the 5th day, Saturday, May 3rd-- \$35,000. That money is used to inform and educate the public about what is so in the world and to be in action; write letters to newspapers, send an MP to a developing country every year, frequently meeting with CIDA and other Government officials and, not only educating them, but intending to have them be in action. The RESULTS staff have an action sheet that is used by volunteers to write letters and prepare meetings. Recently, as a RESULT, Canada has finally approved a budget to end polio in the world.

A response to the warm bed comment came in which asked 'what are YOU doing about living on \$1.75 a day?' and most of all, sharing that becoming aware to what is happening on the planet was appreciated. Eva Tardif-Sanchez got over \$200 and served ice cream at Dairy Queen that week!! I had comments like: I waste a lot of food and don't want to do that any more; I can't believe how much money I spend on coffee, and most of all, not realizing what is happening in the world. I personally have changed my diet to at least 3 vegetarian meals a week and haven't been eating at nights.

I am moved that so many people were made aware of what is happening. We shared it; and now the world is coming together. We have no idea how many people now know what is happening.

I remember when I went to the World Summit for Children on September 30, 1990. A voice was given to children for the first time. At that time, 42,000 children were dying from hunger and hunger-related diseases EVERY DAY. Today, that number is 19,500 and the population has increased by about 2 billion. Work is being done. Most times, we don't hear that and become resigned, discouraged, disenchanted.

There are RESULTS and there is work to be done. I am thrilled about this campaign. It has increased our awareness, shown us what can be accomplished in a short time; and has wakened us up to the will to get the job done. In 1977, when John Denver started the Hunger Project, thousands of us shared that it was possible to end hunger. What was missing was the WILL TO GET THE JOB DONE. We would approach people on the streets and ask them to take on that pledge and by the Live Aid show in 1985, a critical mass had been reached; we moved into opportunity and then Action at the Summit. John Denver was discouraged about concerts making a difference. I remember him saying that putting on concerts was like putting a band-aid on a corpse. Look what has happened since then.

I so acknowledge the organizers of this challenge. I am inspired. We have opened our eyes and have an experience of ending poverty together. The ultimate challenge is to remember that and come together knowing that it is possible to have hunger end.

Since May 3rd I have gotten \$110 additional pledges. The campaign officially ends at the end of July Anyone who wants to contribute to Results Canada and make a difference go to [www.resultscanada.ca](http://www.resultscanada.ca).

Anyone may join our group here in Victoria every 2nd Wednesday, 7-9 at Cardiff Place to hear guest speakers and to write letters.



# Good Neighbourhood Agreement - a Presentation to City Council

by Seb Bonet

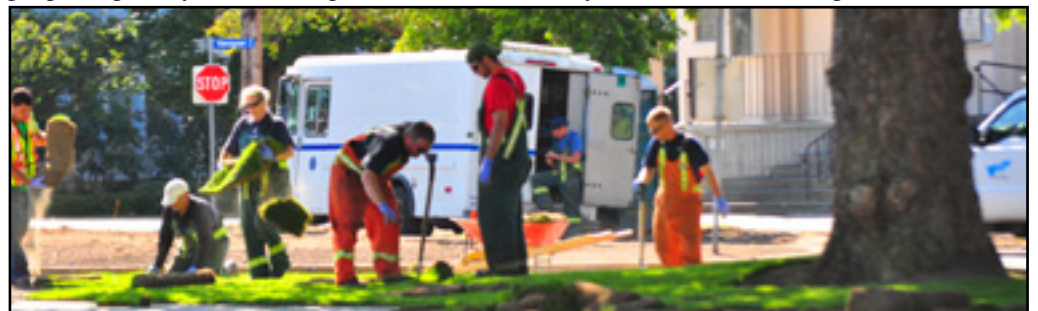
I'm addressing city council tonight as the Research Coordinator for the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group. My presentation will address past research VIPIRG has done with street-involved people, current research with people who access services at Our Place around the Pandora Green GNA, and concerns VIPIRG has with the GNA process currently taking place around VIHA's fixed-site needle exchange service on Pembroke St.

I want to stress that the problems the previous speaker laid out about GNAs are borne out in previous research VIPIRG has done. In 2009, when the City approved plans to 'beautify' Pandora Green, VIPIRG interviewed 101 people who were either tenting on the green, or accessing services at Our Place. We found that only one person had heard of the City's plans to beautify the green, much less been consulted about the city's plans or meaningfully included in re-designing the block. And yet, these people were highly affected by the City's decision to spend \$510,000 to attract "positive" functions to the neighbourhood.

VIPIRG's current research project arises from similar concerns expressed by the street community about the Pandora Green GNA, which was signed into existence prior to the City's beautification of Pandora.

As my co-presenter indicated, the vision of the Pandora Green GNA states that all the stakeholders named in it will be welcome, and may enjoy comfort and safety in their neighbourhood. Significantly, the agreement names the street community as a stakeholder. So we went out to the green and over the course of a food serving asked people if they had been consulted about the Pandora Green GNA, and also asked them what a sense of comfort, safety and welcome means to them.

As with the City's beautification, nobody had been consulted about the contents of the GNA. This is very disturbing, as the commitments laid out in the agreement all target and profile people who access services on the block. I think we've become so accustomed to cutting out people in poverty from making decisions that we really have to dwell on this point.



Imagine if you all showed up to work tomorrow and the other property owners on the block, along with the police, and city staff had signed an agreement that took things you do all the time, like sitting down, and made that harder to do. Imagine if all the seating surfaces were eliminated, and cameras were installed to record whether you had sat down. Or, if police increased their patrols to prevent you from sitting.

First, I'll bet you'd feel really betrayed by city staff. You'd think, hey, I thought they were on our side! Or, you'd feel pretty unsafe when police came into the building unannounced. This is what's happening at Our Place.

But there's still a very important difference between city councillors and the people at Our Place. You can choose to go elsewhere to do your sitting, but the people at Our Place need to access the services. So they need to put up with feeling unsafe, unwelcome, and stigmatized and profiled.

I don't think the City should be a signatory to an agreement that lists the street community as a stakeholder when it does not have a seat at the table in negotiating the terms of the agreement.

When we compiled the numerous suggestions made by people who access services at Our Place about how to make the block more welcoming, comfortable and safe, we found that NOT A SINGLE ONE of those recommendations are enshrined in the existing agreement.

So it seems to me that the Pandora Green GNA needs to be revisited.

ALSO, VIPIRG is very concerned that a GNA is being negotiated right now for Pembroke, and that every indication points to the same thing happening all over again. We know the City is in the room, we know VIHA is in the room, we know someone is paying a private consultant to be in the room, and we know concerned middle-class people are in the room.

And as with previous GNAs, we know that the people who are going to access the service are not in the room. We know organizations who mandate is to directly serve the people who will access these services are not in the room. And we also know that the front-line workers who will be affected by the GNA are not in the room.

So in closing, VIPIRG is formally asking the City to put the brakes on this process and not sign any new GNA into existence until people who are going to access the service can send a representative of their choice, and until front-line workers can also send a representative of their choice, to discuss if and how an agreement can be negotiated.

In closing I want to return to the territory acknowledgment my co-presenter began with. Yesterday I had the privilege of going to Pkols and witnessing the restoration of the original name for that mountain. This rectified a small part of the damage wrought by the signing of the Douglas Treaty, a treaty which was dishonoured by settlers from the moment it was signed.

I feel there is a similarity between the relationship the City has established to people living in poverty and that treaty, in that people living in poverty are continuously invoked as stakeholders in agreements that violate their rights. As a settler I'm opposed to the Douglas Treaty, and as a person living here I'm opposed to GNAs as they've been written. I hope you are too. THANK YOU.

Seb Bonet is Research Coordinator with the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG).



## Building Community from the Grassroots

by Kym Hothead

Two days after the election, it's a warmer night on my porch. I have to say I was not surprised the FIBerals got back in. Pleasant surprise the NDPs took the Island. Disappointed in the Green and NDP leadership within each area. Except in the Labrador by-election that occurred before our BC election which helped get in a progressive liberal, the Green member backed out of the riding to ensure the progressive programs continued.

We are in a new day so we must face reality and take some leadership, all of us. Many still rest on their laurels. Most are idle. Many did not vote and most stick with their own issues, rarely going beyond safe zones of familiarity. Folks are often angry, sad, depressed, mistrusting and not satisfied yet, like a definition of insanity I heard: doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Most leave it to the next person, are too busy, are fed up and think it does no good, are too sick and very tired of it all, give very little of our free time as we feel we have none and, we don't often have any so, it only makes sense those close to us get that one on one time right?

Those who still have time defend it. "Time for me," which is necessary for all people. So, equity in mind, there are a lot more folks who can share their time. Most have had no extra time much of their lives based on poverty or the fear of it.

In all the managing of time and priorities, what do we give to "other"? While we self loathe and irk responsibility except to inner circle and self, the Nimrods gather their forces, take our money and do outreach to build their base of support. They lie to our youth making promises they cannot keep. Petty cash promises. It all helps folks who suffer to get that little bit more in all this suffering. Many burn out in jobs done for love and justice, watching as others go on that twice yearly get away. Most of us just don't get away and wonder how the fuck we ever did it before.

At what cost do we get the one time promise from Government at election time? It's important we think of it so that we are not divided and ruled by an oppressive system we all want to change, yet guilt ridden we choose only those who best reflect ourselves.

Unity shone brightly thru Social Housing BC's End Poverty Rally on May 7th. Peer run groups like VANDU (Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users) from the DTES (Downtown Eastside) Vancouver are on the rise and have strengthened old bonds and formed new ones: TAPS, Faith in Action, SOLID, Committee To End Homelessness ([ctehv.wordpress.com](http://ctehv.wordpress.com)), also Victoria homeless family members were present, and many more sang, danced and shared vision in protest.

Afterwards Dave Deiwart requested on behalf of the Vancouver Social Housing Coalition BC to host a quick meeting and network together as they moved on with their great campaign! CTEHV thru me requested someone from Vancouver chair the meeting and we would help acquire space. Faith in Action folks acquired Our Place, others and myself helped ensure a smooth meeting. DTES members helped create a respectful vibe for all. Local homeless were able to be heard, and in turn listen to brothers and sisters from DTES. Visitors responded with shock and outrage hearing about the conditions of our homeless family members locally.

I was proud of our local faith community. The End Poverty Rally was a success and I look forward to future organising.

In ending, thawVictoria has had a street youth come forward who would like to do weekly video uploads to the Youtube thawVictoria site regarding life on the streets. Also, Ethel Williams has done her first interview for thawVictoria and would love to do more. Media Net has offered to sponsor my thaw blog on the [ctehv.wordpress.com](http://ctehv.wordpress.com) site. I am honored and thank them publicly. They have offered us an older camera at \$3.00 a day for this purpose. I would need to rent a mic as well and that brings it to basically \$10.00 a day. I'd like to rent a camera 2X a week, one day for Ethel and one day for the street youth (whose name remains anonymous until we start). We are honored that both have come forward and trust that we will empower them to guide this process with legal advice and support.

On that note, we are seeking law students to come out with me on the street shift as witnesses. We'd also like a phone for the student/witness in order for them to take photos of any interactions myself or street youth may encounter. Please contact Alison Acker at [alisonacker@shaw.ca](mailto:alisonacker@shaw.ca) and donate to whomever you'd like and become a sponsor.

I am happy to announce Vancouver is requesting we come back and show the *Taking The Fall and Rising* film again, VANDU has shown an interest as well as a member of the Power of Women group. Susan Boyd has suggested we use Skype in the future to ensure Kim Freeman can be at the next out of town showing. Great idea! Get in touch with TAPS, Faith In Action, SOLID or CTEHV if you are interested in helping out with housing and desire to see change. We will continue to protest and maybe even sing and dance for justice alongside our homeless family members!

Keep an ear out for news of a Gathering on the Green Speakers Corner Booth / Barbeque 2013! By request, CTEHV will once again host this event on September 7th, a week before the Anarchist Book Fair, which will be screening the film *Taking The Fall and Rising*. You get another chance to speak out in our booth, masked or not, whilst you eat, hang out, sing, dance, blow bubbles, mingle, network... WE will welcome you to bring guitars, other strings and yer voice! In solidarity!

*kym hothead hines is an inspired visitor in Lkwungen WSANEC territory, from Red River Cree Territory.*



## Ender Ilkay's Clearcut

by Joan Russow



The BC government failed to prevent developer Ender Ilkay from logging property adjacent to the Juan de Fuca Provincial Park and above the international renowned Juan de Fuca Trail. This logging contravenes recommendation 33 in the 1992 Caracas Declaration: incompatible development near protected areas.

In a letter dated March 1992, from both the Provincial Ministry of Forests and the Provincial Ministry of Environment (sent to members of the public presumably from a government mail-out list), the following intention is affirmed:

*As we, in BC Parks and BC Forest Service begin to work on implementing our components of B.C.'s protected areas under the aegis of the Commission on Resources and Environment, we will be mindful of this Declaration [Parks Protected Areas and the Human Future: the Caracas Declaration] and its implications. Our objective will be to have a system of protected areas which we are proud to present to the world.*

The Caracas Declaration was adopted by over fifteen hundred leaders and participants at the Fourth World Congress on national parks and Protected Areas (Feb. 1992):

### 3.2. Conserving Biodiversity

*The congress urgently requested that all countries urgently undertake surveys to identify additional sites of critical importance for conservation of biological diversity, and wherever possible, accord total protection to them. Harvesting should be relocated from primary to secondary forests and tree plantations in previously deforested areas; or - where this is not possible - sustainable forest harvesting systems which favour natural species diversity should be developed and introduced (pg 8).*

### 3.3. Conservation on a regional scale

*Protected areas have sometimes been seen as islands of nature and tranquillity, surrounded by incompatible land uses. But the congress made it clear that such an "island mentality" is fatal in the long run. The congress recognized that it is unlikely that protected areas will be able to conserve biodiversity if they are surrounded by degraded habitats that limit gene-flow, alter nutrient and water cycles, and produce regional and global climate change that may lead to the final disappearance of these "island parks." Protected areas, therefore, need to be part of broader regional approaches to land management. The term bioregion was used to describe extensive areas of land and water which include protected areas and surrounding lands, preferably including complete watersheds, where all agencies and interested parties have agreed to collaborative management.*

### Recommendation 3 - Global efforts to conserve biological diversity

*The loss of biodiversity has reached crisis proportion and if present trends continue up to 25% of the world's species may be sentenced to extinction or suffer severe genetic depletion in the next several decades, accompanied by equally significant and alarming degradation of habitats and ecosystems. This loss of biological diversity is impoverishing the world of its genetic resources, its species, habitats and ecosystems.*

*All species deserve respect, regardless of their usefulness to humanity. This principle was endorsed by the UN Assembly when it adopted the World Charter for nature in 1982. The loss of the living richness of the planet is dangerous, because the environmental systems of the world support all life, and we do not know which are the key components in maintaining their essential functions.*

### The IVth World Congress on national Parks and Protected Areas recommends that

- Governments make the protection of biological diversity, including species and habitat richness, representativeness and scarcity, a fundamental principle for the identification, establishment, management and public enjoyment of national parts and other protected areas;*
- All countries urgently undertake surveys to identify additional sites of critical importance for conservation of biological diversity and wherever possible, accord total protection to them Harvesting should be relocated from primary to secondary forests and tree plantations in previous deforested areas; or — where this is not possible — sustainable forest harvesting systems which favour natural species diversity should be developed and introduced (pg 30).*

### Recommendation 4 - Entitled legal regimes for protected areas

Protected areas require a mutually reinforcing system of international and national environmental law for their establishment, maintenance and management. International treaties establish a harmonized set of obligations with regard to areas within national jurisdictions and activities having effect beyond national jurisdictional boundaries. These obligations must be reflected in national legislation; otherwise, the treaties cannot be implemented.

*Joan Russow has been the coordinator of the Global Compliance Research Project, exposing government and corporate non-compliance with international law. This article first appeared at Peace, Earth, and Justice News - [www.pejnews.com](http://www.pejnews.com).*





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And don't cling to the disguises and phonies around.

*Anonymous*

## War on the Poor - a big injustice

by Mark Idczak

I recently saw a man collecting cans and bottles thrown out of the St. Ann's grounds the night of the Earth Week by a large older female security guard and her cohorts. A man physically grabbed and thrown out of a conservative party by a big burly bald guy and a scary looking woman because he looked poor. Quasi-macho punks hurling obscenities and throwing things at a fellow digging through the garbage can. All these people did not do anything wrong in my eyes. But they were guilty of the affliction of being poor.

Jesus said the poor we shall always have with us. And things haven't changed since. Now, it's a crime.

In this day and age the man or woman with the most money and possessions wins. Wins what? More greed. More acknowledgement by the little guild of obsequious butt kissers?

Oh, rascally knave, you cannot save more and more once you hit the grave. Share the wealth and the land and your life will be grand. Instead of a house, life and friends built on sinking sand.

Governments and city officials should have more programs to help the disadvantaged. Stop the war on the poor. Now!



## Sacred Headwaters and the Site C Dam

by Don Startin

We are all in mourning for our hopes of a political change in our province. I'm afraid there are a lot of people out there who hate the NDP as much as I hate the "Liberals." We can only hope the folks in West Side Kelowna reject Clark in the upcoming by-election.

Once again we wait for the Lieberals to push their ecocidal agenda vis-a-vis Site C, the Arctos Anthracite Project, and The Red Chris Mine. Those of us who are fit to take part in civil disobedience may well be needed in the coming months.

I caught a brief clip of Clark speaking after the election. I heard her say, "... we're going to build the Site C Dam." No mention of the final stage of the environmental assessment!! Since she and the Minister of Energy sign off on the final document it looks as if she will try and go ahead.

The Friends of the Stikine have just recieved word that the federal government has just let B.C. know that they will not be doing a federal environmental assessment on the Arctos Anthracite Project. This is very serious. I will be in touch with our allies in the Sacred Headwaters, and elsewhere, to let you know how we plan to stop this ecocidal nightmare.

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